



Great Falls Discovery Center

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

SEPTEMBER 2023 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

VISITOR CENTER

OPEN 6 days a week:

- Open Labor Day 9/4, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed with our dynamic exhibit dioramas. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center also includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls.

ONGOING,
SEPT. 2—
OCT. 1

GREAT HALL EXHIBIT: *INTERVALS*

Karen Axtell presents, *Intervals*, mixed-media prints about time on handmade paper, layered with oil and water-based materials. The prints reference the rings of trees, the depth of rivers, the shape of leaves, ebb of tides, phases of the moon, and more.

ONGOING
August 17—
Sept. 26

STORYWALK®: *AGUA, AGÜITA*

For readers ages 4-7 and up. Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! Join us on the center's grounds for a free self-guided StoryWalk® featuring a children's bilingual picture book, *Agua, Agüita / Water, Little Water* by Jorge Argueta. Follow the path to book pages posted along the route.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

FRIDAYS,
SEPT. 1, 8, 15,
22, & 29

NICE & EASY WALKS, 1:00—2:00 p.m., Main Entrance

Geared for seniors, but open to all ages. Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls. A DCR Park Interpreter highlights natural and local history along the way. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and sturdy footwear and bring water. Meet outside main entrance.

FRIDAYS,
SEPT. 1, 8, &
29

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR

9/1: Butterflies; 9/8: Dragonflies; 9/29: Raptors;
10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors who share our home. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Siblings and friends welcome.

FRIDAY,
SEPT. 8

GREAT FALLS COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS:

JIM EAGAN & ANAND NAYAK, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

All ages. Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center's concert series features local talent in the Great Hall: Jim Eagan and Anand Nayak with a mix of folk and folk blues with ginger-style guitar. Refreshments available. Sliding scale suggested donations, all in support of educational programming at the Center.

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221, greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org

coming events



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- WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13** **CANAL DRAW DOWN HISTORY STROLL**
5:00—6:30 p.m., Main Entrance
All ages. See the annual draining of the Turners Falls canal! Take a guided stroll on the Canalside Rail Trail. Absorb local history with staff from Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center staff, DCR, and historian Ed Gregory. Meet at the Center entrance. Free. Two-mile walk, flat terrain.
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 16** **ART NATURALLY SERIES**
10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Great Hall
For adults, teens, children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). Discover nature through story, poetry, and art in our series of free Art Naturally programs. Using words and images, instruction and techniques you create an art piece inspired by the natural world to take home. All art materials provided.
- SUNDAY, SEPT. 17** **ADVENTURES IN THE MICROCOSMOS**
10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Great Hall
For families, ages 9 and up. Learn how to use an origami microscope! Join ornithologist Ezekiel “Zeke” Jakub, co-founder of the non-profit Conservacion Panama, for “adventures in the microcosmos.” Observe tiny parts of our world up close. Introduction to scientific methods and conservation using a Foldscope. Free. **Registration required**, call 413-863-3221.
- SUNDAY, SEPT. 17** **ARTIST RECEPTION: INTERVALS**
2:00—4:00 p.m., Great Hall
All ages. Join Karen Axtell for a reception celebrating her work, Intervals, a series of mixed-media prints about time.
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 23** **SOURCE TO SEA CLEANUP: CANALSIDE TRAIL**
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Main Entrance
All ages. Hard work, real fun, true impact: the annual fall trash cleanup of the Connecticut River and its tributaries. Join DCR staff to clean-up the Canalside Rail Trail. To register, visit bit.ly/canalside2023 or contact DCR staff at 413-863-3221 for more information. Meet at the main entrance.
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 30** **AT SWORD’S POINT: A HISTORY OF TRADE UNIONS IN THE MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY**, 2:00—3:30 p.m., Great Hall
Ages teen and up. Public historian Tom Goldscheider discusses Franklin County precision steel tool manufacturing, once the world leader. Workers organized a democratic trade union that was targeted in a national political campaign against it. This led to a peaceful confrontation in Greenfield and surrounding towns that surprised onlookers near and far.
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 30** **AT SWORD’S POINT: ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**
Did you or someone you know work in the local machine tool industry? Your stories help enrich this research. Interested in sharing memories? Introduce yourself at the *At Sword’s Point* event, or contact the presenter: tom.goldscheider@gmail.com.

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